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Title:	INSTANT MESSAGE PROXY FOR CIRCUIT SWITCHED MOBILE ENVIRONMENT		

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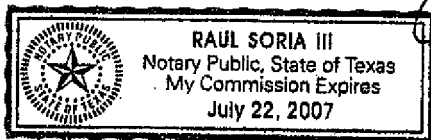
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IM utilizes a best-effort delivery mechanism. If the client is available the message is delivered, otherwise the message is dropped. In a mobile environment, the client may be temporarily out of service. What is the appropriate store and forward mechanism for IM that accounts for temporary unavailability, yet maintains the near real-time chat aspect that defines IM?
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Email is the extreme case, in which clients log in and "pull" messages.
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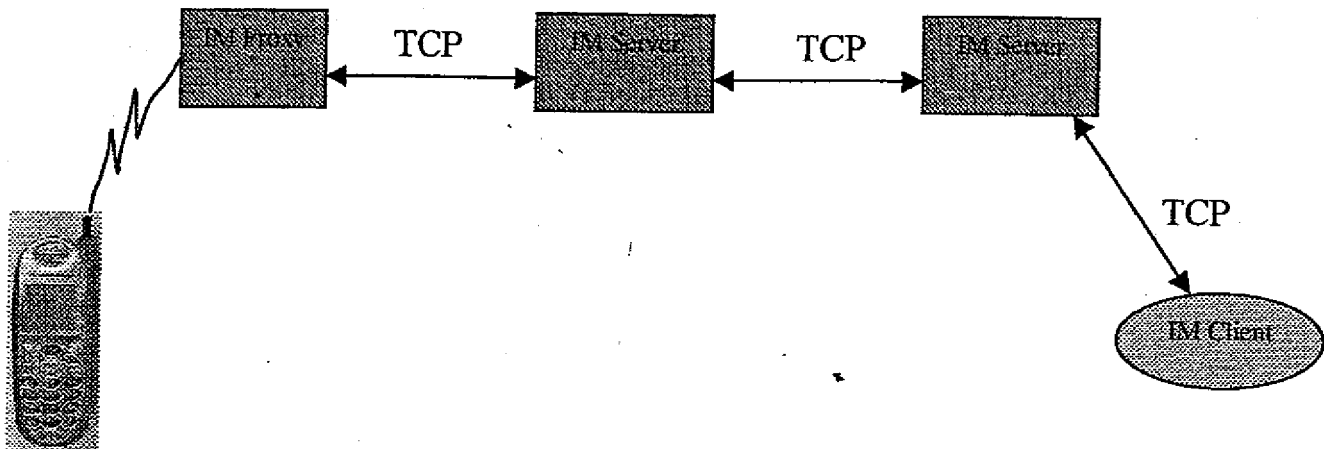
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IM utilizes a best-effort delivery mechanism. If the client is available the message is delivered, otherwise the message is dropped. In a mobile environment, the client may be temporarily out of service. What is the appropriate store and forward mechanism for IM that accounts for temporary unavailability, yet maintains the near real-time chat aspect that defines IM?

Proposed Solution

The IM Proxy registers with an IM server on behalf of a mobile client. It receives instant messages and sends them over the air to the mobile client. Instant messages sent from the mobile client go through the IM proxy to the recipient.



The IM Proxy maintains the client's availability status. That is, when the user starts the IM client, the proxy reflects the AVAILABLE status. When the user manually changes status, e.g. to OFFLINE, the proxy reflects that. The user's buddies use the client status to determine if the user can participate in a chat session.

The proxy will not know if the client is roaming or out of service, because the client will not have the opportunity to register a change in status with the proxy before dropping out of service. In this case, the proxy will only know the client is offline when an instant message comes in and the proxy tries to send that message to the mobile client.

Normal IM behavior would suggest that the message be dropped in this scenario, however the mobile client may simply be going in and out of service because the user is driving down the freeway. A preferred behavior would be for the proxy to resend the message a programmable number of times before dropping the message. After dropping a programmable number of messages, the proxy should automatically change the client status to OFFLINE so the user's buddies will know the user is no longer receiving messages.

The number of retries would likely be based on system latency. The number of dropped messages (used to determine an automatic status change) would probably be provisioned for each user, or class of users, based on network reliability, location, usage habits, etc.

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5. What problem is solved by this invention? (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)
In a circuit switched cellular network, the mobile IM client must establish a connection with the IM server (or proxy) to send and receive messages. It is cost prohibitive to maintain an open connection for the duration of the IM chat. A mechanism is needed to optimize message retrieval for a circuit switch network such that a connection is established only when messages are available for retrieval.
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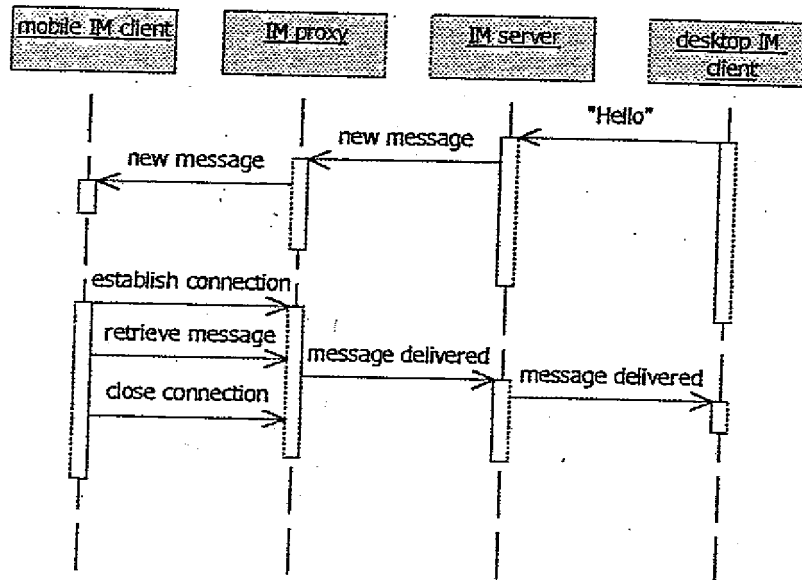
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Proposed Solution

In a mobile IM environment, a proxy registers with the IM server on behalf of the mobile IM client. The proxy provides the current presence information of the mobile client to other IM users. The proxy also notifies the mobile client when messages are available for download. In a circuit switched cellular network, the message retrieval would look something like this:



In a circuit switched cellular network, there is considerable delay in setting up a connection and it is cost prohibitive to maintain an open connection for the duration of the chat. To address these problems, the IM proxy could bundle the messages so the user only needs to establish a connection when there are multiple messages to be downloaded, or when a message has been queued for a certain amount of time. So we have two scenarios:

Scenario 1

- > The mobile user is in a chat session with several friends.
- > The friends send three messages that are queued by the IM proxy.
- > The friends immediately send five more messages.
- > The IM proxy exceeded its limit of five messages so it notifies the mobile user that messages are available
- > The mobile user establishes a connection and retrieves the messages

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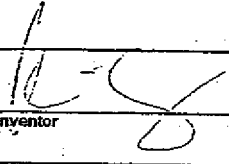
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Scenario 2

- The conversation is starting to die down.
- The friends send three messages
- After two minutes, no more messages arrive.
- The proxy time limit is exceeded so it notifies the mobile user that messages are available
- The mobile user establishes a connection and retrieves the messages

The number of messages to be queued prior to notification and the time limit for message storage would be configurable in the proxy. They would probably be provisioned on a per-user basis based on the cost and latency that the user is willing to incur.

The latency added by this approach would need to be indicated to the senders to set their expectations. This indication, likely a visual one, is being addressed in a separate disclosure.



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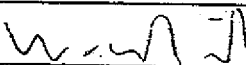
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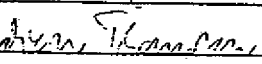
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Smart Bulk Download for IM
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5. What problem is solved by this invention?
Bulking up IM unacceptably slows down IM between a small number of participants
6. What is the closest known technology?
PF02181NA Message bundling to optimize IM in circuit switched environment
7. What is this invention?
The invention adds smarts to the IM Proxy/Server to only bundle IM messages when there is a high message rate and there are a large number of participants.

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IM infrastructure coupled to wireless infrastructure

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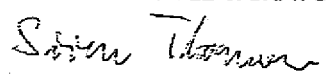
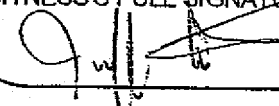
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PF02181NA 'Message bundling to optimize IM in circuit switched environment' was combined with PF 2177, which was pursued. PF02181NA improves OTA efficiency by bundling downlink messages for IM. This bundling implies that often a message must be stored at the IM proxy/server and delayed to see if another message for the same mobile target will follow. This is particularly annoying when the number of participants in the conversation is two (Figure 1).

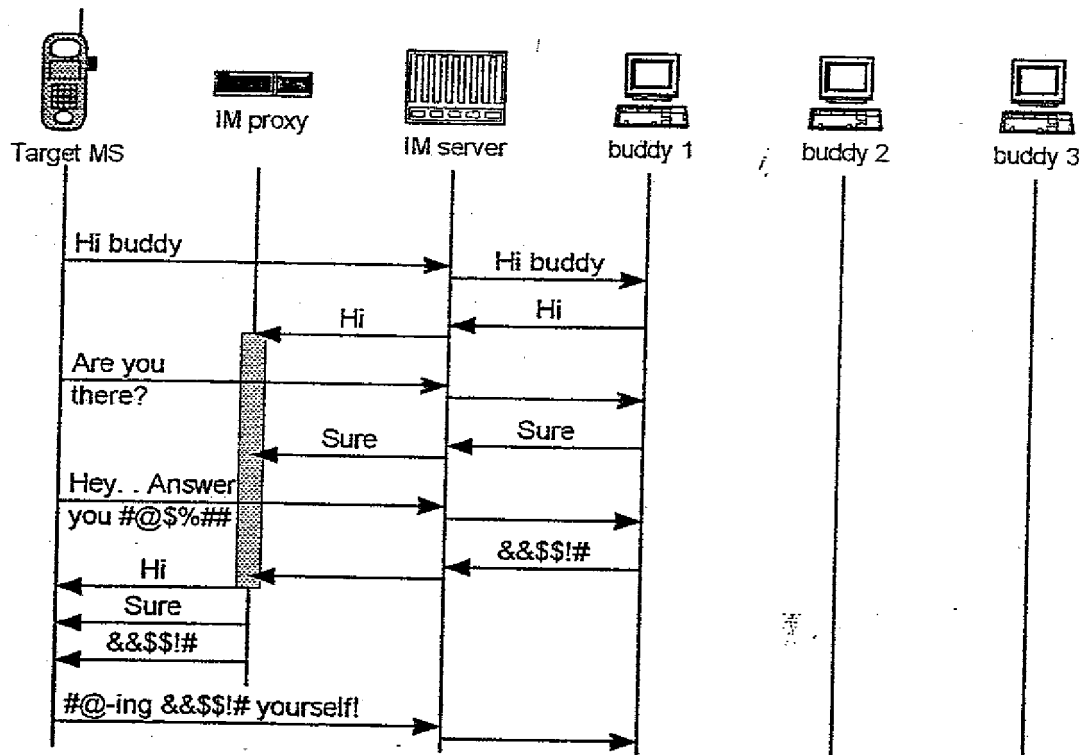


Figure 1. PF02181NA proposes to delay IM messages to a mobile device so that they can be bundled with later messages to the same target. This can be detrimental to a conversation between two parties.

What is needed is some smarts in the IM proxy/server to determine when bundling should be attempted.

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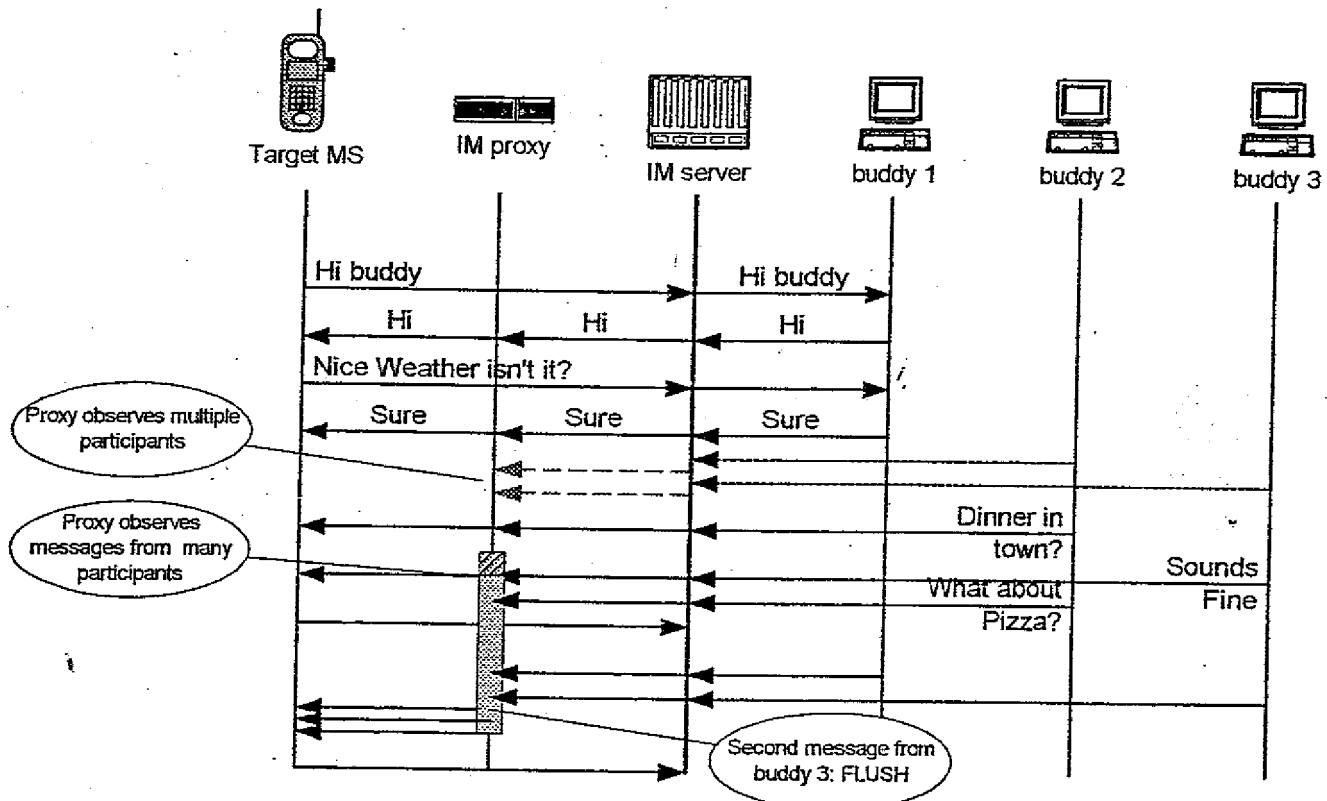
The invention

Figure 2. For the invention, the proxy monitors the number of participants, the message rate and the number of messages in the buffer from each participant to decide whether it will bundle or not and to decide on when to flush the buffer.

The invention is a method in the IM proxy/server that decides when to bundle IM messages for a mobile target.

The method uses several rules to start bundling:

1. Start bundling when more than K participants sent messages to the target within the last L seconds.
 (Example K = 5, L = 120)

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2. Start bundling when more than M participants sent more than N messages within the last O seconds to the target.

(Example M=3, N=7, O=180)

The method further has rules on when to flush the buffer and forward the stored messages to the mobile target.

- Send all stored messages to the mobile target when a participant for whom a message is stored sends a second message to the same target.
- Flush the buffer when a predetermined number of messages is stored (PF01281NA only flushes after a predetermined time).
- Flush when the total message size is over a threshold (A large message size would justify the associated overhead. One can flush, for example, when the stored messages fills the better part of an SMS message).
- Flush the buffer sooner when the number of participants is lower.
- Make the flush time depend on the load on the wireless system (light load -> early flush).
- Make the flush time depend on the wishes of the user of the mobile target (more money, earlier flush).
- Make the flush time depend on the wishes of the senders (more money, earlier flush).
- Flush when the user obtains a data connection for other reasons.

The method further has rules on when to quit bundling (and flush the buffer if it contains messages):

- Quit bundling when condition 1 and 2 are no longer true.
- Quit bundling when the user obtains a data connection for other reasons.

User impact on bundling:

- Quit bundling when the target indicates that it is not interested in bundling.
- Start bundling when the user so indicates. Notify buddies that responses will be delayed.

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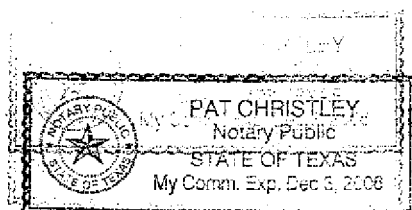
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IM utilizes a best-effort delivery mechanism. If the client is available the message is delivered, otherwise the message is dropped. In a mobile environment, the client may be temporarily out of service. What is the appropriate store and forward mechanism for IM that accounts for temporary unavailability, yet maintains the near real-time chat aspect that defines IM?
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Email is the extreme case, in which clients log in and "pull" messages.
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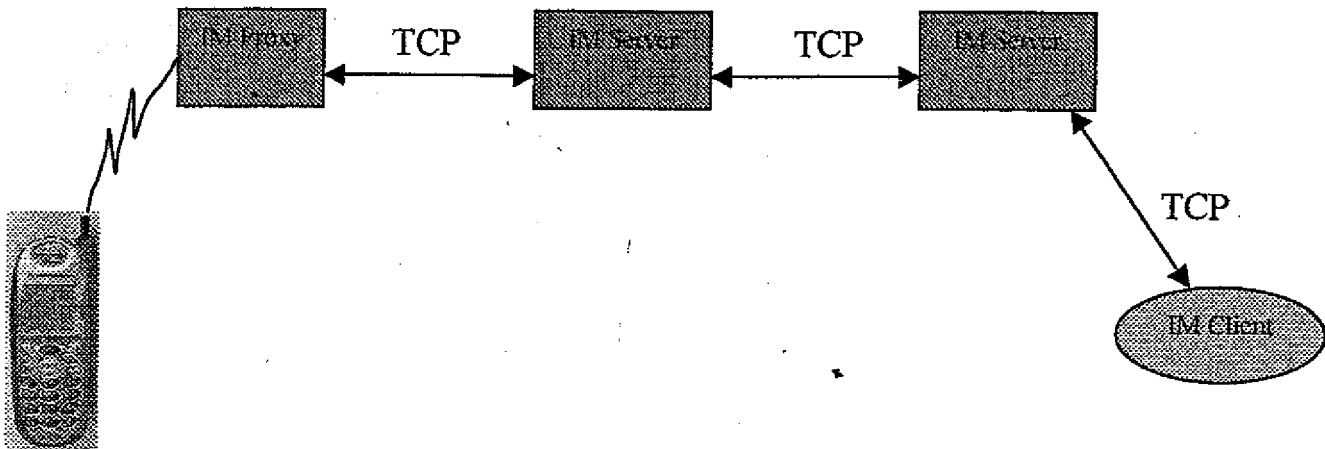
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Proposed Solution

The IM Proxy registers with an IM server on behalf of a mobile client. It receives instant messages and sends them over the air to the mobile client. Instant messages sent from the mobile client go through the IM proxy to the recipient.



The IM Proxy maintains the client's availability status. That is, when the user starts the IM client, the proxy reflects the AVAILABLE status. When the user manually changes status, e.g. to OFFLINE, the proxy reflects that. The user's buddies use the client status to determine if the user can participate in a chat session.

The proxy will not know if the client is roaming or out of service, because the client will not have the opportunity to register a change in status with the proxy before dropping out of service. In this case, the proxy will only know the client is offline when an instant message comes in and the proxy tries to send that message to the mobile client.

Normal IM behavior would suggest that the message be dropped in this scenario, however the mobile client may simply be going in and out of service because the user is driving down the freeway. A preferred behavior would be for the proxy to resend the message a programmable number of times before dropping the message. After dropping a programmable number of messages, the proxy should automatically change the client status to OFFLINE so the user's buddies will know the user is no longer receiving messages.

The number of retries would likely be based on system latency. The number of dropped messages (used to determine an automatic status change) would probably be provisioned for each user, or class of users, based on network reliability, location, usage habits, etc.

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In a circuit switched cellular network, the mobile IM client must establish a connection with the IM server (or proxy) to send and receive messages. It is cost prohibitive to maintain an open connection for the duration of the IM chat. A mechanism is needed to optimize message retrieval for a circuit switch network such that a connection is established only when messages are available for retrieval.
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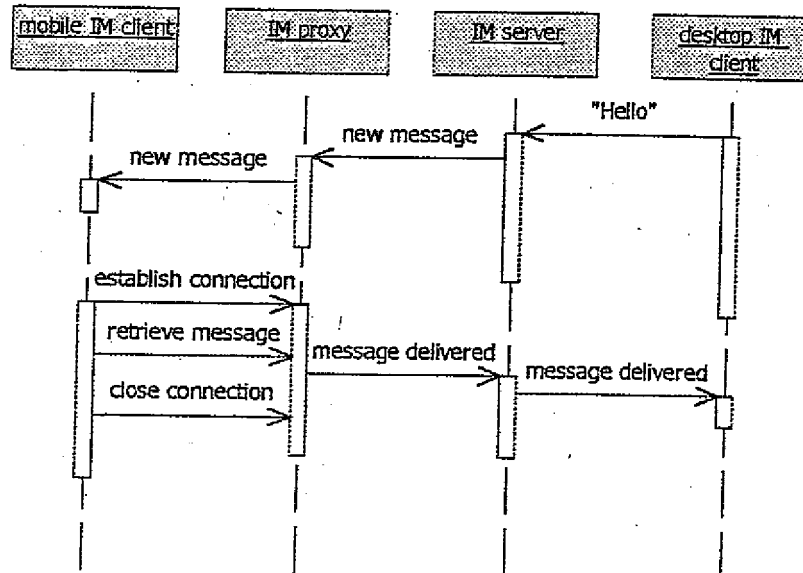
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Proposed Solution

In a mobile IM environment, a proxy registers with the IM server on behalf of the mobile IM client. The proxy provides the current presence information of the mobile client to other IM users. The proxy also notifies the mobile client when messages are available for download. In a circuit switched cellular network, the message retrieval would look something like this:



In a circuit switched cellular network, there is considerable delay in setting up a connection and it is cost prohibitive to maintain an open connection for the duration of the chat. To address these problems, the IM proxy could bundle the messages so the user only needs to establish a connection when there are multiple messages to be downloaded, or when a message has been queued for a certain amount of time. So we have two scenarios:

Scenario 1

- The mobile user is in a chat session with several friends.
- The friends send three messages that are queued by the IM proxy.
- The friends immediately send five more messages.
- The IM proxy exceeded its limit of five messages so it notifies the mobile user that messages are available
- The mobile user establishes a connection and retrieves the messages

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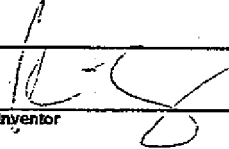
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Scenario 2

- > The conversation is starting to die down.
- > The friends send three messages
- > After two minutes, no more messages arrive.
- > The proxy time limit is exceeded so it notifies the mobile user that messages are available
- > The mobile user establishes a connection and retrieves the messages

The number of messages to be queued prior to notification and the time limit for message storage would be configurable in the proxy. They would probably be provisioned on a per-user basis based on the cost and latency that the user is willing to incur.

The latency added by this approach would need to be indicated to the senders to set their expectations. This indication, likely a visual one, is being addressed in a separate disclosure.



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Smart Bulk Download for IM
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Bulking up IM unacceptably slows down IM between a small number of participants
6. What is the closest known technology?
PF0218INA Message bundling to optimize IM in circuit switched environment
7. What is this invention?
The invention adds smarts to the IM Proxy/Server to only bundle IM messages when there is a high message rate and there are a large number of participants.

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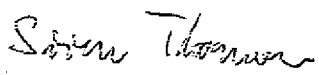
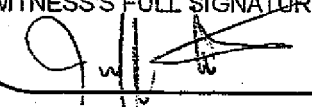
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PF02181NA 'Message bundling to optimize IM in circuit switched environment' was combined with PF 2177, which was pursued. PF02181NA improves OTA efficiency by bundling downlink messages for IM. This bundling implies that often a message must be stored at the IM proxy/server and delayed to see if another message for the same mobile target will follow. This is particularly annoying when the number of participants in the conversation is two (Figure 1).

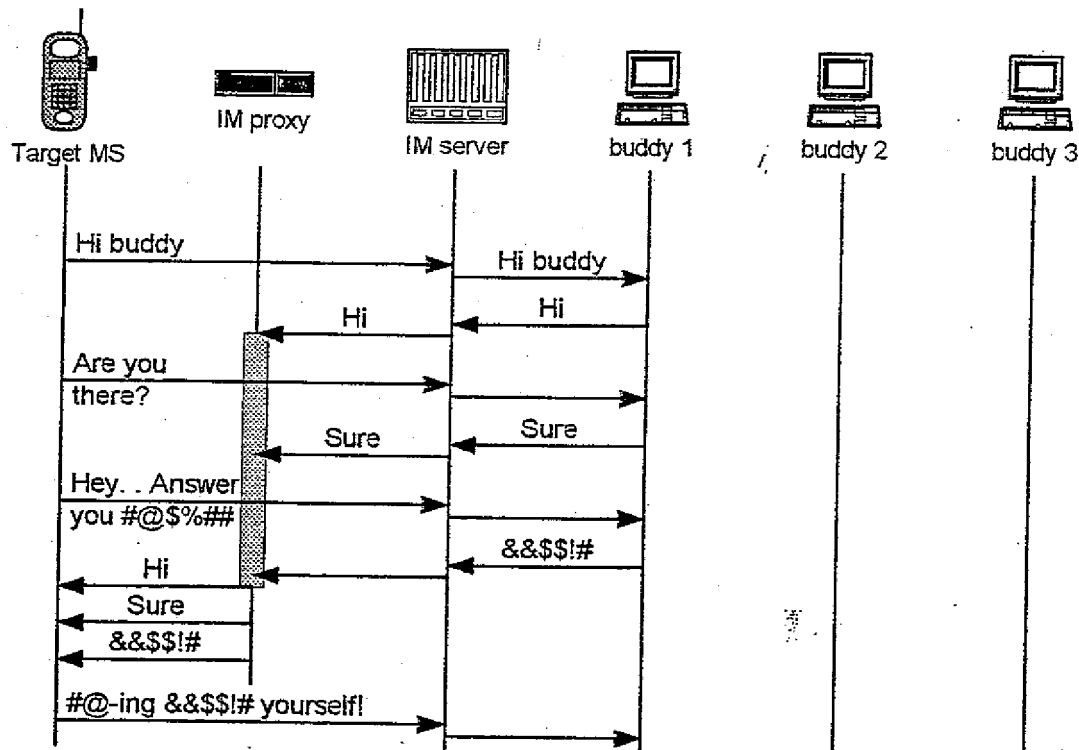


Figure 1. PF02181NA proposes to delay IM messages to a mobile device so that they can be bundled with later messages to the same target. This can be detrimental to a conversation between two parties.

What is needed is some smarts in the IM proxy/server to determine when bundling should be attempted.

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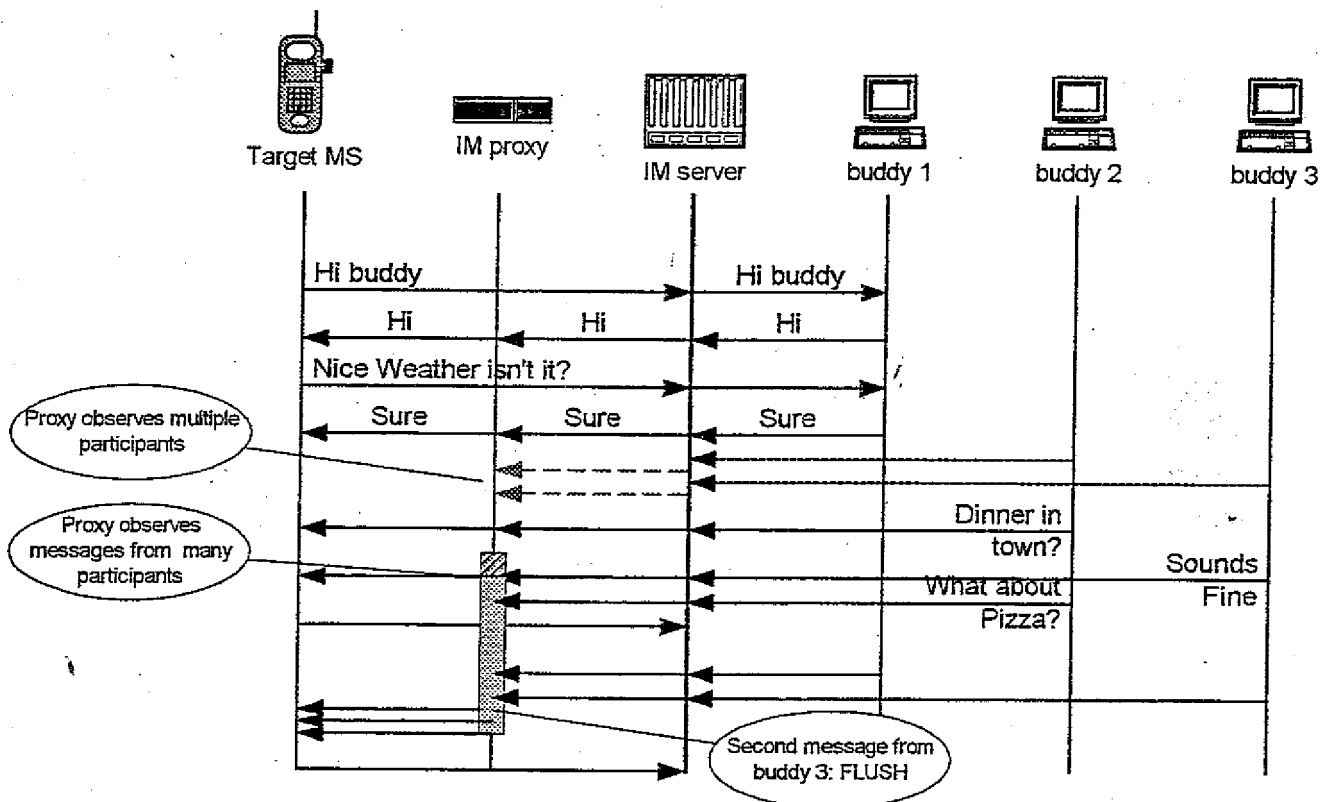
The invention

Figure 2. For the invention, the proxy monitors the number of participants, the message rate and the number of messages in the buffer from each participant to decide whether it will bundle or not and to decide on when to flush the buffer.

The invention is a method in the IM proxy/server that decides when to bundle IM messages for a mobile target.

The method uses several rules to start bundling:

1. Start bundling when more than K participants sent messages to the target within the last L seconds.
(Example K = 5, L = 120)

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2. Start bundling when more than M participants sent more than N messages within the last O seconds to the target.

(Example M=3, N=7, O=180)

The method further has rules on when to flush the buffer and forward the stored messages to the mobile target.

3. Send all stored messages to the mobile target when a participant for whom a message is stored sends a second message to the same target.
4. Flush the buffer when a predetermined number of messages is stored (PF01281NA only flushes after a predetermined time).
5. Flush when the total message size is over a threshold (A large message size would justify the associated overhead. One can flush, for example, when the stored messages fills the better part of an SMS message).
6. Flush the buffer sooner when the number of participants is lower.
7. Make the flush time depend on the load on the wireless system (light load -> early flush).
8. Make the flush time depend on the wishes of the user of the mobile target (more money, earlier flush).
9. Make the flush time depend on the wishes of the senders (more money, earlier flush).
10. Flush when the user obtains a data connection for other reasons.

The method further has rules on when to quit bundling (and flush the buffer if it contains messages):

11. Quit bundling when condition 1 and 2 are no longer true.
12. Quit bundling when the user obtains a data connection for other reasons.

User impact on bundling:

13. Quit bundling when the target indicates that it is not interested in bundling.
14. Start bundling when the user so indicates. Notify buddies that responses will be delayed.

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